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Dear Anne,

Although it is not the reason I write, please tell George and Fincus (we've never met or spoken) that I believe the first two of the series are excellent and informative about what the people should know. I presume some of those who theorize conspiracies may regard these as a copout, I do not at all. It is an arch that should be better known and understood, especially in the Congress and the media. I believe this so much that in the sense that it should NEVER AGAIN happen I've titled a book to appear next year to reflect it.

There are two minor errors in today's story. The hospital bullet left before that 11/23 Air Force plane, in the pocket of a Secret Service agent. It was in DC late the night of 11/22. And the caption misidentifies it as the "bullet that killed President Kennedy." Tomorrow's is a trickier story. If I'd known you would be going into that I have quite a file on it that holds much that is not known. Nobody ever looked at that separate file I set up of the documents as I received them. And if I'd known they were going to go into that Cubela business, there is what would have done it better. But that, too, is minor. I think it is no mean accomplishment to have handled so much and such controversial information that has never been drawn together as well, as accurately and as informatively as George and Fincus did.

When I last ~~had~~ spoke to George I asked him if he would please send me what transcripts he can of the anniversary TV shows. He said he would. I meant also to ask him if you could also let me have copies of the LBJ phone transcripts for up to the announcement of the Commission. I'll be glad to pay the cost.

There are two items in the first story that are new to me and I hope before those documents are returned to file you can let me have copies. One begins with the last sentence of column two of the first page of the jump, dealing with Oswald's presumed mental state and continuing to the dash following, that package of volunteered info from the KGB. Please tell ~~KENYON~~ George and Mj Fincus that earlier records reflect that the CIA drafted questions to be asked of the USSR that State recognized would give serious offense and would not ask, leading to the right requests never being made.

The other may be in those phone transcripts if you are kind enough to let me have copies, LBJ's conversation with Fortas "that made clear the panel was put together for its political and geographic balance..." My own belief is that "balance" is not the right word. Not with five of the minority party and neither of the two others a JFK adherent. I have always been interested in the Commission composition and have always regarded it as perhaps the most important single factor in the media and political acceptance of the report. Many thanks and best wishes, *H. A. Gold*